

Bangladesh: CPB-ML observed National Independence Day on 26 March

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Communist Party of Bangladesh-ML observed the great Independence Day in befitting manner. In order to pay homage to the Martyrs of 1971 liberation war, a small team of CPBML arrived in Savar on 26 March 2018 and placed floral wreath to the foot of Martyrdom with much respect and love.

CPML's leaders took the stock that 1971 is a trying crucial point in the history of Bangladesh which paved the way for a capitalist development although people's aspiration was an exploitation free society.

The common people thought that their suffering will be removed if there was no Pakistan. Which is why all the common people rushed to take part in the liberation war except with collaborators, Unfortunately their dream remains unfulfilled.

Socialism can fulfil their dream for which they have to come up with new spirit of revolutionary perception.



In Barisal District

Led by landless people leader Harun Vandari, Bangladesh Krishok Federation Barisal District President and Central Assistant General Secretary the leaders of Barisal District Unit placed floral wreath at the foot of martyrdom at 12:01 am, the first moment of the great Independence Day on 26 March.



Bangladesh Kishani Sabha Central Vice-President and Barisal District President Rehana Begum Mitu, BKF Barisal District Secretary Md. Halim Mahari, BKS District Secretary Renu Begum, BKF press Secretary Eusuf Akon, BKS press Secretary Haoya Begum, and other leaders of the city were present in the observation function.

A note on history

The celebration of the Bangladesh Independence Day by the CPB-ML is significant if one takes into account the history of Maoist movements in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). In an interview, Badrul Alam explained:

"Before 1971, my party was called East Pakistan Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) (EPCP-ML). During the Liberation War [of Bangladesh, from rule by West Pakistan] one part of the party fought against the Pakistani Army and another part fought against both Pakistani Army and the Indian Army which came to Bangladesh to support the freedom fighters.

China supported Pakistan. Mao was totally wrong. Bangladesh was 1200 miles from Pakistan. It was a completely different nation with a different language and a different culture. Pakistan acted like an imperial power.

The Chinese had a Chinese nationalist position. They were nationalist. Even though there is a Communist Party in power it doesn't mean anything. They supported Myanmar/Burma, even though there was a military ruler. They were not socialists.

After some years the EPCP-ML leaders came up with the conclusion that after 1971, it was not correct to say that Bangladesh was not independent, and reformed the party as Communist Party of Bangladesh (Marxist-Leninist) (CPB-ML)."

See on ESSF (article 31988), [*Bangladesh: From the EPCP-ML to the CPB-ML and the Fourth International*](#).
